

Details of Huge Financial Center Unveiled

Long-range plans for the development of a 19-acre financial center on the northwest corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Carson Street were unveiled before the Torrance City Council last night.

Jack Spahn, vice president of E. L. Pearson and Associates, told councilmen he expects construction of the first phase of the \$30 million development to begin in about six months, with completion due 16 months later.

The financial center is but one phase of a development program designed to turn the 200-acre area bounded by Sepulveda Boulevard, Ocean

Avenue, Torrance Boulevard, and Madrona Street into a major retail and financial center. The entire complex will be developed by Del Amo Properties Co.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of more than 800,000 square feet of office space in the 19-acre financial center, Spahn said. The center will provide offices for banks, savings and loan associations, insurance offices, real estate brokers, securities brokers, airlines offices, travel agencies, and professional offices.

Victor Gruen and Associates have been named archi-

itects for the project and will work with a land use plan being developed by Jack Bevas and Associates, urban planners and designers. One of the most dramatic features of the new center, Spahn said, will be the landscaping featuring sunken gardens, trees, ponds, and landscaped parking areas.

The developing company, Del Amo Properties Co., is owned by Great Lakes Properties, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Great Lakes Carbon Co., and Guilford Glazer and Associates, nationally known land developers.

Great Lakes Properties,

inc., has earned a national reputation for its development of the Palos Verdes Peninsula in partnership with the Transamerica Development Co. Guilford Glazer and Associates first gained national attention when they constructed the downtown shopping area of Oak Ridge, Tenn., home of the first atomic reactor.

A model of the full 200-acre complex displayed by Spahn showed a major hotel-restaurant complex along Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue, as well as major new retail areas. Even-

tual value of the development may exceed \$200 million.

"We're not a small town," a gaping Mayor Albert Isen commented. Isen, who has hailed the development of the Del Amo Center variously as the biggest in the state, then the nation, called the complex the "biggest in the world."

J. M. Moore and Harry Gorman, representing Del Amo Properties Co., said the firm plans to develop a long term plan for the area which has a wide variety of land uses, in an intelligent pattern, to give maximum benefit to customers, tenants, and the City of Torrance.

A tramway will connect all buildings in the center, Spahn said, and many other innovations are planned.

Announcement of the financial center plans follows by a few weeks the start of construction of Bullock's Square, to be located on the northeast corner of Carson Street and Hawthorne Avenue. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April, 1966, on Bullock's.

Preliminary plans for the first phase of the financial center will include a 13-story high rise office building, several free standing financial pavilions, and a four-story of-

ice structure, Ki Suh Parks, the architect now designing the buildings, said.

The decision to construct the financial center resulted from an economic study of the Los Angeles area by Economic Research Associates, Spahn said. The study showed that the Southwest area has grown at a rate which far outstrips the rest of the county.

"This is one more magnificent example of the tremendous economic activity taking place in our community," Mayor Isen said, "and is keeping stride with our population growth which has made us the third largest city in Los Angeles County."

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MAJOR CENTER . . . Inspecting elaborate model of projected financial and commercial center to be developed here are (from left) John R. Spahn, Mayor Albert Isen, Jack Bevas, and Ki Suh Park. The model was unveiled before the City Council last evening by Spahn, who said construction on the first phase should begin within six months.

Sniper Fires on Guards In New Harvey Violence

Officers Avert Incident Here, Koenig Reports

Quick confrontation in force when suspected looters began gathering here may have averted a major Torrance incident during the Watts rioting over the weekend, Police Chief Walter Koenig told members of the City Council last night.

Reporting to City Council members on the local actions during the days and nights of terror in nearby south Los Angeles areas, Chief Koenig said police officers were put on 12-hour shifts and that vacationing officers who were in the area were called back to duty.

"Juggling the shifts gave us 40 additional men on critical shifts," the chief reported. Councilmen were told that extra vehicles were put into the field and that the emergency-strength force permitted units to answer citizen calls quickly, sometimes within two or three minutes.

Such quick response served to warn anyone who might

be scouting the local area and also served to assure local citizens that police protection was available, Koenig said.

His report as expanded by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who said other city forces also were put on standby basis and were ready to move in the event of major fire or other incident.

Such preparations included fire department personnel and equipment; water service personnel, city earth-moving equipment, and other facilities, Ferraro said.

He commended police officers who served the extra hours and was particularly grateful to Chief Koenig and to Captain John Maestri and Lt. Joseph Miles of the police department, who worked many extra hours over the long weekend without claiming extra pay.

The incident showed that we were ready, Koenig said. His conclusions were endorsed by the city manager.

Chamber Adds New Leaders

Leaders in two of four divisions now being organized by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to help develop "Keep Pace with Opportunity" program, initiated last week by the chamber, were announced today by the two general co-chairmen, Arthur L. Reeves and George W. Post.

James P. Becker heads the "preparation division" and S. E. Waldrip is chairman of the education division.

Committee chairmen serving with Becker in the preparatory work include Don McGrath, George M. Ebert, and Post. In addition to being one of the two general co-chairmen of the entire program, Post is chairman of a citizens advisory committee that is being formed.

IN THE education division, committee chairmen serving with Waldrip include Larry Bowman and Douglas Hedde. They will channel information to the citizens of Torrance and the area through the press, speaking engagements before other organizations, and printed matter.

Several hundred individuals and firms will be asked to help determine the specific projects and activities which they believe will merit consideration in formulating the expanded, long-range program of promotional and development work for Torrance and the area, Post and Reeves said.

LATER, IN A series of meetings and conferences the chamber will conduct, suggestions and ideas for the program will be sought from all sources — in fact, all citizens will be encouraged to submit their own ideas as to the needs and how to meet them, Reeves and Post explained.

They announced also that the educational activities of the program will be carried out as intensively as possible within the next several weeks, so as to better acquaint the citizens with the various phases of the program, which will emphasize the business, industrial and civic advancement of Torrance and the area through the years just ahead.

NEW COMMISSIONER

Mrs. Gordon Phillips was appointed to the Torrance Beautiful Commission by Councilman David K. Lyman last night.

Three Bullets Strike Vehicle

Two Harvey Aluminum Co. guards narrowly escaped a sniper's barrage of bullets early today as they waited to secure a company parking lot after a midnight shift change.

The shooting marked a return of violence at the plant as striking AFL-CIO Steelworkers continued to man picket lines to protest failure of the company and union to agree on a contract.

Guards James Robinson, 50, of Lomita and Oroville McRoskey, 50, of South Gate told police they were sitting in a station wagon in a company parking lot north of the plant on 190th Street when the bullets slammed into the vehicle.

The guards had been to the lot to close and lock the area

after employees leaving the plant at midnight had removed their vehicles.

One bullet struck a door post of the wagon just inches from Robinson's head.

The new incident at the plant came after conferences between the company and union representatives broke down. New efforts to open serious negotiations were scheduled for the federal building in Los Angeles today.

New Speed Limits Set

Recommendations by the Torrance Traffic Commission to increase the speed limit on two major streets in the Southwood area were accepted by the City Council last night.

Councilmen approved a 35 mile-per-hour speed limit on Anza Avenue from Torrance Boulevard north to Del Amo Boulevard. The speed limit on Palos Verdes Boulevard between Torrance and Sepulveda boulevards also was raised to 35 miles per hour. Both streets previously had had 25 mile-per-hour limits.

Councilman Wants Study Made for Children's Zoo

City Councilmen gave Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem and the city's Parks and Recreation Commission a new task last night at the request of Councilman Ken Miller.

Miller told his colleagues he has been asked by a "prominent organization" to study the feasibility of establishing a children's zoo in Torrance. Such a zoo, Miller said, might be operated through donations from local organizations and service clubs.

Mayor Albert Isen described the idea as a "very good one," and suggested it be referred to the recreation department and the Parks and Recreation Commission for study.

MILLER DECLINED to name the organization, but said the general idea is to provide a place where children might see domesticated animals. The zoo could be located in a park or in one of sump areas once the city has

vacated the sump, he said.

Councilmen met for a brief, routine session last night. In other action, they:

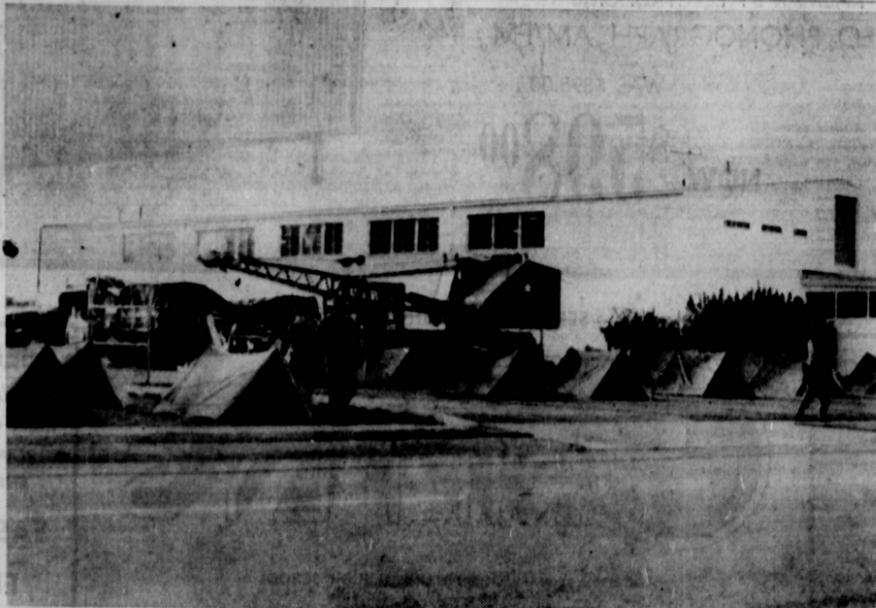
- Approved a petition for a change of zone from A-1 to C-3 submitted by the South Bay Realty Co. The property located on the southeast corner of Prairie Avenue and Artesia Boulevard, is triangular and will be subject to a precise plan of development.

- Approved a change of zone from R-2 and A-1 to C-3 for property located on the southeast corner of 182nd

Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

- Appropriated \$45,000 from gas tax funds for the improvement of Lomita Boulevard between Ocean and Hawthorne avenue.

- Received a petition signed by more than 300 residents seeking temporary sidewalks on the west side of Anza Avenue. Improvements along Anza were completed recently but walks have not been provided in some sections. The petition was referred to City Manager Edward Ferraro for study.



TORRANCE'S TENT CITY . . . Members of the 132nd Engineer Battalion, scheduled to leave last weekend for two weeks of active duty, were bivouaced instead at the Torrance and Manhattan Beach armories to provide support duty for police

and other Guardsmen called in to quell the south Los Angeles area rioting. These tents were erected by local Guardsmen at the Torrance Armory, Carbrillo and Lincoln avenues.

Bloodmobile Slated Here Aug. 26, 27

Bloodmobiles will be sponsored by the Red Cross Aug. 26 at the Elks Hall, 1820 Abalone, and Aug. 27 at Riviera Community Hospital, 4025 W. 226th St.

With the Labor Day weekend just around the corner, the Red Cross is redoubling its effort to maintain the blood supply at a "comfortable" level, according to Mrs. James Rayner, blood program volunteer with the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch. Donor appointments are available at TE 2-8341.

City Tax Rate Official . . .

City Councilmen officially set the 1965-66 tax rate at \$1,2380 per \$100 assessed valuation last night. Action by the council marks the fifth straight year in which the rate has remained the same, although other taxes and fee increases have been imposed to balance the city's budget. The city budget, as finally adopted, calls for expenditures of \$11,126,800 for operating expenses and \$734,228 for "pay-as-you-go" capital improvements. The budget also provides a reserve fund of \$363,000.

Injured Rider Better . . .

Idaho cowboy Jim Matthews, who lost an ear during a rodeo mishap here on Aug. 8, was reported improved at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday, where attendants said he had been moved out of the intensive care unit. Doctors replaced the young rider's ear in a surgical procedure at the hospital following the accident. Sparked by the generosity of veteran rodeo champion Casey Tibbs, the crowd that saw the accident chipped in more than \$1,300 to help with hospital and doctor bills.

Injured Officer 'Fair' . . .

Torrance police officer Carol Van Wankum, critically injured on July 31 when his motorcycle was struck by an auto at Torrance Boulevard and Hickory Avenue, was reported in fair condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday where he has been in the intensive care unit since admittance. Van Wankum suffered major and permanent injuries.